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First Pre-School Program At Wesleyan

Burden Parlor is Now Redecorated

The Burden Parlor, in the Porter building, has just been redecorated through the generosity of Mrs. Thomas J. Stewart (Octavia Burden, '06), of Macon. The spacious room, with its high ceiling, its fine paintings, and handsome appointments, has always been considered one of the most beautiful on campus. It was established in 1942 by the Burden family, whose forebear was Dr. William Capers Bass, an early president of Wesleyan. At Christmas its high domed window has served as background for a tall trimmed tree; in the spring it frames a flowering magnolia. Many musical programs have been given there, using its grand piano. A particularly happy day the first week in October was the celebration there of "Miss Octavia's" 90th birthday, when members of Wesleyan family gathered to wish her happiness and express appreciation for her most recent gift to the College.

Caron Carter Speaks at First Assembly

Caron Griffin Carter, '73, daughter-in-law of presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter, came home to Wesleyan as speaker at the first student assembly in September. She was given a warm reception by students and faculty, who remembered her as an outstanding student who had served as president of Council on Social Activities, May Queen, member of the Washboard Band and soccer team, and more. Her former roommate, Mary Graham Ponder, came in for the day.

For the past two years Caron and her husband, Chip, have travelled through 30 states campaigning. She told of some of her experiences, of learning of the problems facing our country while meeting people on many levels. She stressed the importance of voting, urging students to become involved in the process of government.

A Developmental Learning Center, the first preschool program in Wesleyan's history, has been instituted. This financially self-sustaining venture is directed by the Department of Education.

Child-centered and activity-oriented it exemplifies the most current findings in early childhood education and is expected to serve as a model throughout the Southeast, according to Dr. Charles D. Foust, Education chairman. The approach is centered around the idea of grouping students according to developmental level rather than age. Forty children, 3, 4, and 5 years old have been enrolled. The program is directed by Melinda Lane, who has several years of preschool teaching experience. Students pursuing a degree in early childhood education will be required to work in the center on a regular basis and will receive practicum credit for this experience.



Caron with Dean Page

Historian Commager Convocation Speaker

Fall Convocation will be held at Wesleyan on Oct. 27, when Dr. Henry Steele Commager, American historian, speaks in Porter Auditorium at 4:30. The public is invited to hear this illustrious teacher-author. He is the 1976 Lamar lecturer.

At the dinner at 6 tribute will be paid to three alumnae who recently died: Mrs. Fred Manget (Jennie Loyall), Mrs. William Banks (Evelyn Wright), and Mrs. Baxter Jones (Carolyn Cater). Trustees and their wives, faculty and administration, also the Seniors, will join members of their families in a memorial.

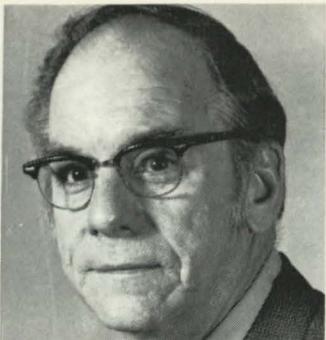
A service in honor of Mrs. Banks will take place at noon near Banks Hall, when residents of that dormitory will plant a pair of tea-olive trees facing the ADPi fountain. Mrs. Banks was a member of that sorority, founded at Wesleyan and still existing when she was a student.

The day will begin with the meeting of the Alumnae Board of Managers and Council, followed by luncheon. Tom Prochaska and members of the Art Department will give a program. Trustees will convene the next morning, with President Randolph W. Thrower presiding.

New Faculty

New faculty members include James L. Brown, Business Administration; Irene Feddern, Music; Dr. Walter Felder, Psychology; Dr. John Hampson, Mathematics; Dr. Diane Myers, Mathematics; and Melinda Lane, Director of Developmental Learning Center. On a part-time basis are Libby Bailey, Art; Mardi Bass, Education; Licia Drinon Jackson, '73, Communications; and Dr. Horace Gray, returning to Education.

Debbie Stockton, '74, returns to Wesleyan to replace James Nesbitt as Associate Director of Admissions. Nancy M. Williamson, '76, is a new Admissions Counselor.



Year Starts with New Schedule, Renovation

Wesleyan opened its 141st academic year with an enrollment slightly higher than last year. In addition to the regular student body about 70 Macon area women 22 or older, are attending under the Entry-Return program. The oldest in this group is 72.

Taking advantage of a special tuition reduction twenty-two percent of the student body is from Bibb county and six surrounding counties. Eight students from Japan are enrolled, in cooperation with International Christian University in Japan and the East-West Foundation.

Wesleyan has awarded academic or talent scholarships to 39 percent of the freshman class, in recognition of scholastic or artistic achievements. Sixty-seven percent of the freshmen had B-plus or better averages in high school.

Freshmen and returning students found several changes in campus life including the renovation of classroom buildings and a new academic schedule reported Dr. W. Earl Strickland, president of Wesleyan.

With grants of \$90,000 from the Franklin Foundation and a grant of \$100,000 from an anonymous foundation, a complete renovation of Tate Hall has been undertaken, said Dr. Strickland. The cost is estimated at \$499,000. Ceilings are being lowered and carpeting installed to improve acoustics.

New classrooms and faculty offices, all of Tate will be air-conditioned. The ten-ton air conditioner cooling the lower floor has been moved to the gym to service the main floor. A new 80-ton air conditioner was installed for the Anderson and Manget dining rooms, the Trice recreation room, and the snack bar.

Three new faculty offices have been created in Taylor Hall, the interior of Banks has been painted and new furniture put in study parlors.

Porter Building has a new roof, and its Burden Parlor is completely redecorated and renovated.

A large audio-visual room for seminars, also a model classroom and material center for the Department of Education, is being created.

The college is returning to the semester system after following the 4-1-4 system

which consisted of a four month's fall semester, followed by a one month term and a four month's spring semester. Now, following the spring semester, the College will have a short term of five weeks, beginning April 27.

"We believe the semester system meets our academic needs better than the quarter system", said Dean Oscar C. Page. "The short term will allow an opportunity for study tours, independent field study, and integrated work in the community".

Grants, Gifts Increase

Total unrestricted gifts and private grants for Wesleyan's current operating expenses increased this past year by 57 percent over the preceding fiscal year, reports Dr. Don Stanton, Vice President for Development.

These contributions increased in every category, he said, including alumnae. Alumnae membership in the 1836 Club (donors of \$100 or more) went from 111 to 170 with 67 non-alumnae bringing the total to 237. The total number of alumnae donors increased from 1,120 to 1,488.

By giving \$500 to the Annual Fund, 22 became members of the newly established Achievement Club; 41 donors (\$1000 or more to the Annual Fund) are charter members of the Heritage Club.

"In terms of the College's financial needs in a period of inflationary pressure, these results represent only the beginnings of what must be a continuing and growing process", said Dr. Stanton. He paid tribute to volunteer workers and contributors, with special mention of Trustees Jack Huckabee and Rufus Green, co-chairmen of the development committee.

Cameron Peden, Business Manager for the College, reported that in the past year gifts received for the Annual Fund total \$569,913.79. Alumnae provided \$76,534.50 in unrestricted gifts, \$32,298.00, restricted. Total assets of the College at the current market value are \$11,248,070, said President Strickland.



Back from Alumnae Trip

President Sandi Bell Shipp, Dr. Don Stanton, and Director Frances Van Horn, accompanied by Mrs. Stanton, enjoyed three-state meetings in Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Pensacola, Panama City, Albany, and Moultrie.

New Trustees

New members added to the Board of Trustees during the 1975-76 year were Lucia Chapman, president of the Student Government Assn., and Bettijo Hogan Cook, '48, alumnae trustee from Atlanta. Lucia is the granddaughter of Lucia Chappell Domingos, '19, former alumnae trustee, and the daughter of Lucia Domingos Chapman, '48. She is the fifth generation to attend Wesleyan, all named Lucia. Her great, great grandfather, Col. Isaac Hardeman, was chairman of the Board of Trustees for 25 years.

Peer Counselling

A Peer Counselling program has been instituted this year whereby 23 Peer Counselors, with special training, offer academic and social counseling to students. This "friendship group" aids in reducing the myths about college and administrators, and provides valuable feedback to the staff about student views, says Dr. Harry Gilmer, Associate Dean in charge of the program.

Prize-Winning Series

A prize-winning film series tracing human development from conception to old age is being funded by Programs and Exhibitions, to be shown at Taylor Amphitheatre at 7 p.m. Dates are Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 27, Nov. 22, Dec. 7.

Plan for Careers

Career planning and job placement have grown in importance at Wesleyan. Dr. Judith Prince, Director of Counseling, is giving attention to raising the level of aspiration of students; interesting them in non-traditional areas such as dentistry, business, and others; helping liberal arts majors become more marketable through work experience and a broader range of courses that translate into skills. Career Day on March 10 resulted in a number of job offers to Wesleyan seniors. Ten school systems and 12 career fields were represented.

Concerts and Opera on Campus



Anna Kaškas Teaches

Metropolitan Opera contralto returns in March for private lessons. Here with Susan Word, '75, former student of Norman McLean.

Two one-act operas, "Suor Angelica", by Puccini, and "Down in the Valley", by Weill, will be presented Nov. 10 at 8, and Nov. 11 at 4 and 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Music department, with Drama and Speech departments collaborating, they will be heard in Porter Auditorium. Carol Thurman, who sang Sister Angelica last season, will repeat the role. She appeared in recital Sept. 16, with Edward Eikner, also of the music faculty, accompanying her. Mr. Eikner and Garrick Ohlsson will present duo-piano concert Jan. 19. John Kozar, pianist, performed on Sept. 23, and held a piano workshop next day. Bela Nagy, pianist, conducted a piano workshop Oct. 20. Other workshops are scheduled after Christmas holidays, all made possible again this year through the generosity of Mrs. McKibben Lane, (Linda Anderson, '19).

The Drama department charmed an appreciative audience with its annual children's play, "The Golden Grotto or Bracko, the Prince Frog", on Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.

The Hwa-Mei Chamber Orchestra of the Republic of China, directed by Helen Qua, was presented in a free concert at Porter Auditorium on Oct. 7. The 50-day tour of the group of 30 was given to the American people by the Chinese Television Service. Wesleyan was included through the courtesy of the Hon. Stephen Chen, Consul General of the Republic of China, stationed in Atlanta.

The Macon Alumnae Club also presented a free concert on Oct. 5. Members of the Pro-Mozart Society of

Atlanta participating were Marilyn Dietrichs, soprano; Verley Spivey, baritone; Herman Allison, piano; and Bob Van Camp, narrator. A gift to the Macon community for supporting the Kitchen Karavan and other college-related activities, the concert was produced by Charlotte Gaines, Atlanta alumna.

The Wesleyan Glee Club Christmas concert is set for Dec. 5, and SAI Christmas Musical for Dec. 2.

Hear Mrs. Busbee

Mary Beth Busbee, wife of Georgia's governor, was the keynote speaker at the Georgia Women's Forum held at Wesleyan Aug. 21. Governor Busbee sponsored six "grassroots" sessions around the state in an effort to determine women's needs, concerns, and priorities. Dean Joyce Schafer and Dr. Judy Prince were Wesleyan chairmen.

Alice Marks 35 Years

Alice Domingos, '40, assistant to the Alumnae Director, has completed 35 years of service to Wesleyan. Her great grandfather, Dr. William Capers Bass, by coincidence, also served the College for 35 years, 15 as teacher and 20 as president.

Mary Pate Hatfield, '48, and Ann Munck, '38, earned their 25 year service pins this year, and Dr. Leah Strong her 15.

Athletic Contests

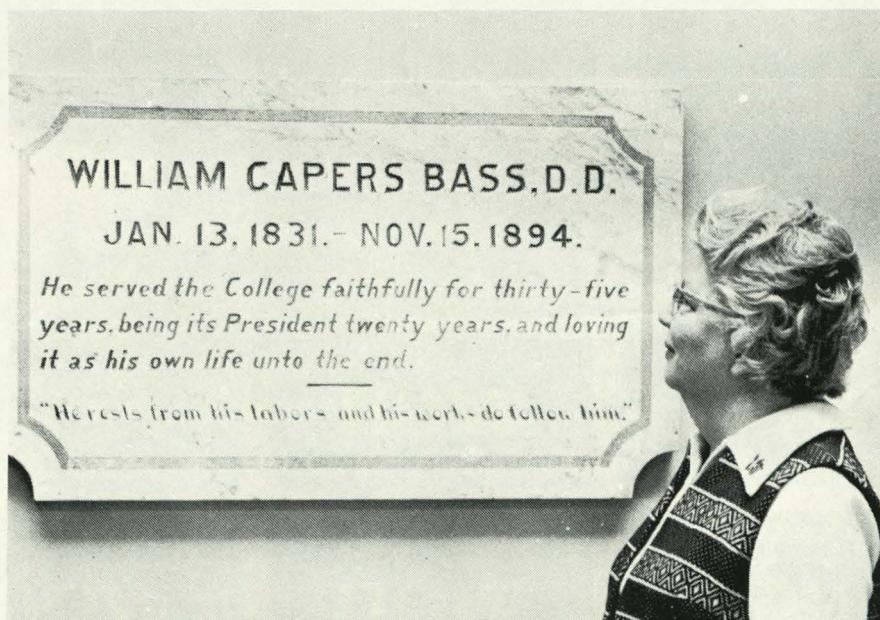
Autumn is a busy time for Wesleyan Athletes, according to Martha Brown, acting chairman of the Physical Education department. The soccer championship game will be played on Nov. 6, Homecoming Saturday, at 11 a.m., culminating a series of inter-class contests. An inter-collegiate volleyball schedule began Oct. 6 with a game at Valdosta State College. The team of 12, coached by Joan Pafford, has been scrimmaging with the faculty members two nights a week. A tennis tournament, sponsored by Student Recreation Council (Vicky Cary, president), has been under way since the first of the school year. Four tennis courts were resurfaced during the summer. A ping pong tourney was held Oct. 25. Naiads, acclaimed water ballet group, are working with Rogers and Hammerstein music for their annual show the second week in Feb. Irene Henry is president and Librarian Tena Roberts is sponsor.

Associates Head

Leading the Wesleyan Board of Associates is William Hambright, vice president and division manager of Atlanta Gas Light Co. "The Associates are a strong force in the Macon area in interpreting the College to the community and in building support for the College", said President Strickland.

For Scholarships

A gift of \$25,000 has been received by Wesleyan from the Allan C. and Lelia C. Garden Foundation in Fitzgerald, Ga. The money is to be used for scholarships for "worthy and deserving students in order to aid them in attaining higher education or technical training."



Both Served 35 Years

Alice Domingos stands beside plaque honoring Dr. Bass, from old Pierce Chapel, now in Willet Library.

Order Akers Book Pre-publication Price

Publication date of "The First Hundred Years Of Wesleyan", by Dr. Samuel L. Akers, will be announced in the very near future. Already close to 500 copies of the book have been ordered at the pre-publication price of \$10.00 (it will be \$15.00 on publication), according to President Strickland, whose office is receiving orders. (Use coupon)

"Mr. Mills Bee Lane IV, whose Beehive Press in Savannah is publishing the book, has produced many prestige books on Georgia history", said Dr. Strickland. "This will be a quality product, which alumnae and others will treasure as a memento of the Bicentennial Year of our country and the 140th year of the College." The book is expected to be available for Christmas giving before the first of December.

An autograph party for Dr. Akers will be held in the Candler Alumnae Center on Wed., Dec. 8, from 3:30 to 5:00. Maconites may pick up their books then, if desired.

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The entire Wesleyan family joins in giving thanks for the recuperation of Thelma Strickland, wife of our president, after two operations this fall.

Last year Wesleyan graduated its first grandmother in the Entry-Re-entry program, Mrs. Frances Kite, of Macon.

Father-Daughter Weekend Oct. 22-23 ushered in the school year's big events: Homecoming for the Class of 1976 on Nov. 6, Parents Weekend (with Stunt) March 4-5, Alumnae Weekend April 15-16, and Commencement April 30. Thanksgiving holidays are Nov. 23-27; Christmas vacation, Dec. 17-Jan. 5.

A special price is being offered during Nov. and Dec. on the picture painted on glass of the Candler Alumnae Center. It is beautifully framed in gold, a perfect gift for a friend—or yourself. The sale price is \$19.50, plus \$1.50 for handling. The antique photo engraving of the College C. 1881, by Tom Prochaska, chairman of the Art department, is \$7.00 plus tax. You may order through the Alumnae Office, Wesleyan College, 31201.

Twenty-five women, most of them alumnae, enjoyed the alumnae-sponsored Bicentennial tour of New England. Freda K. Nadler, escort, described the fall coloring as "breath taking".

A program of outstanding movies, open to the public, is being presented by Programs and Exhibitions committee at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Amphitheatre. Nov. 3 will bring "Hamlet", 7 "Pete and Tillie", 10 "The Little Foxes"; Dec. 4 "Horsefeathers", and 8 "The Hustlers".

A beautiful embroidered hanging has been received by the College as a gift from Mme. Sun Yat-sen, vice chairman of the People's Republic of China, and an alumna (Soong Ching-Ling) of 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Braddach, Roswell, Ga. are president of Parents of Wesleyan. Their daughter, Cathy, is a Junior.

The third annual Merchants' Festival, sponsored by the alumnae association and the Macon Chamber of Commerce, was held in the Alumnae Center Sept. 2. Maude Bradley Lee, '21, was chairman.

David Mark Epstein, poet, will be on campus Nov. 11.

Joyce Schafer, Dean of Student Affairs, has been elected National Vice President of Quota International. As Regional Vice President she spoke last year in Hawaii and other states. Also, with Dr. Judy Prince she conducted workshops on campus for students and the community on study skills, assertive training, decision making, women as leaders, leadership, family life planning, and counseling adult women.

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